

ABSTRACT

A method for treating or preventing symptoms associated with oral autoimmune diseases comprises treating a patient with an oral topical formulation of azathioprine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. The azathioprine formulation may be used in the form of an oral rinse to topically treat areas of oral tissue inflammation and ulceration caused by the onset of oral autoimmune diseases, such as GVHD. The oral topical formulation of azathioprine may also be used in combination with other topical or systemic immunosuppressants or anti-inflammatory drugs.

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